Inner-City Offering Week

On the 9th December a special offering will be collected in Seventh-day Adventist churches across Canada. The proceeds of this offering will go to projects in Canada’s inner cities. If you are interested in participating in this initiative you can contribute by indicating on the enclosed insert and sending a donation today.

Emergency

Preparedness is not just something for Asia or Africa! ADRA Canada’s National Program has prepared a booklet entitled Are You Ready? to help you, your family and your community be ready for when a disaster strikes. A copy is enclosed with this Global Impact. For additional copies, contact ADRA Canada.
**Pakistan Earthquake Response**

On Thursday, September 21, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency received the prestigious *Sitara-i-Eisaar* (Star of Sacrifice) award from the President of Pakistan for its work in providing emergency relief in response to the South Asia Earthquake of 2005.

Pakistan created the *Sitara-i-Eisaar* to recognize humanitarian aid organizations, community groups, and individuals that provided emergency relief and rehabilitation work in the wake of last October’s disaster.

President General Pervez Musharraf presented the *Sitara-i-Eisaar* to ADRA during a ceremony held at the Pakistan Embassy in Washington, DC, USA.

Charles Sandefur, President of ADRA International, accepted the award on behalf of 21 worldwide ADRA partners and thousands of private donors. Other organizations receiving the award included World Vision International, Catholic Relief Services, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

ADRA Canada’s program has largely focussed on rebuilding schools and assisting families in their ongoing recovery. The response budget is almost $368,000, including a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) of $298,879.

ADRA Canada appreciates the work of the 21 partners who enabled the Kashmir response programme to be a success.

On the morning of October 8, 2005, a severe earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale struck Southern Asia, destroying much of the northern town of Muzzaffarabad and damaging thousands of villages in the region. The temblor was the biggest natural disaster in the history of Pakistan, affecting more than four million people.

ADRA responded immediately, providing aid for households affected by the deadly disaster. As the one-year anniversary of the South Asia Earthquake nears, ADRA Pakistan continues to aid survivors through programmes funded by the ADRA network.

*ADRA Canada acknowledges and thanks the 21 partners and thousands of private donors who enabled the success of relief work after the South Asia Earthquake of 2005:*

- ADRA Asia Regional Office
- ADRA Australia
- ADRA Austria
- ADRA Belgium
- ADRA Canada
- ADRA Czech in partnership with the Czech Government
- ADRA Denmark
- ADRA Euro Africa Regional Office
- ADRA Finland
- ADRA Germany
- ADRA International/USA
- ADRA Japan
- ADRA Netherlands in partnership with Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation (ICCO)
- ADRA New Zealand
- ADRA Norway
- ADRA Pakistan
- ADRA Sweden in partnership with the Swedish Mission Council (SMC)
- ADRA Switzerland in partnership with the Swiss Government
- ADRA Trans-Europe Regional Office
- ADRA-UK
- Karachi Adventist Hospital

Julio C. Muñoz. Picture taken in Bagh, Pakistan. Naila is walking through the ruins of her friend’s house where her five year-old son, Basit, was killed during the earthquake. The young boy was a playmate of Naila’s young son.
Partners’ News

The Colin B. Glassco Charitable Foundation for Children, based in Calgary, Alberta, is one of ADRA Canada’s partners. Kristan Jones reported in The Weekender newspaper (22 September 2006) that firefighters need water to do their jobs, and people in Africa need water to survive. This co-relation led to a special presentation at the fire station in Foot’s Bay, Ontario. Colin Glassco explained that this past summer the Muskoka Lakes Fire Department Foot’s Bay/Glen Orchard firefighters had to make an emergency run to his friend Bruce Burgess’s island cottage on Lake Joseph to extinguish a brush fire. After the ordeal, Burgess and Glassco thought the best way to thank the volunteers was to dedicate a water well in Zambia after the group.

The Glassco Foundation drills water wells in Zambia to give the people clean drinking water. The wells help rid the people there of a disease called trachoma, which causes blindness. The well dedicated to the firefighters will look after over 200 people of the Tonga Tribe in Gwembe Valley in Zambia.

The dedication was a welcome surprise to the fire department. “The gesture of being recognized for our efforts is overwhelming,” said Ron Miller, captain of the Foot’s Bay/Glen Orchard stations. The plaque which will be placed near the well will be named the Foot’s Bay/Glen Orchard Fire Fighters Well.

Globally, deaths among children under five have decreased by 28 percent over the past 15 years, due primarily to interventions that provide treatment for preventable conditions and common diseases.

— Interaction, 2005

There are an estimated 1.08 billion poor people in developing countries who live on $1 a day, or less.

— Global Poverty Monitoring, World Bank, 2005

An adult with a primary education earns twice as much as an adult without any schooling.

— The Global Education Crisis, 2005
Helene Beattie, the coordinator of Adventist Health Screening in Leamington, Ontario relates how the community has responded positively to the programs:

- Andrea, a young student from the health field, came to the first Adventist Health Screening in 2005 to have her blood pressure taken. Impressed by the program, she asked if she could help at the next session. Two screenings later she took part in taking blood pressure and body mass index analysis. Her personality and interaction attracted the younger crowd. She enjoyed being part of the team and was grateful for the opportunity to help.

- William and Ida came to one of the Adventist Health Screenings and registered to have their blood pressure taken. They were both impressed by the health presentation. They commented that they had never been to such an event before. Although neither requested seminars, William handed in his business card and offered to help at any future program.

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**Program Variety**

ADRA does not stand for the Adventist Disaster Receipting Agency! This, in reply to some good supporter who saw ADRA as primarily a collector of money for emergency management. No, ADRA is an acronym that stands for the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. Thus while “relief” is a part of ADRA’s mandate, “development” is of much higher importance.

A former member of the ADRA Canada Board of Directors, Brendon Irvine currently serves at the ADRA Asia Regional Office. He reports that if you could take a quick jet tour of ADRA programs in Asia you would find:

- Energy efficient housing to reduce fuel consumption
- Bio-gas production systems for sustainable rural energy
- Micro-enterprise development services for women to increase household income
- Public health strengthening systems to combat TB and polio
- Reproductive health education including HIV/AIDS awareness and family planning
- School building, equipping and teacher skills upgrading
- Agricultural skills training for farmers to enable them to maximize production
- Agro-forestry systems development of sustainable land use and environmental protection and conservation
- Wildlife conservation and natural resource management
- Educational training opportunities to prevent girls being trapped in prostitution
- Water and sanitation systems

Moreover, this is only the short list! And, yes, you would also find programs of infrastructure rehabilitation and rebuilding after natural disasters, and training on disaster preparedness and response. These programs are serving millions of people and helping them to change their lives positively.

Your support of ADRA Canada ensures that many people can escape from poverty and enjoy improvements in their quality of life.